

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hall S37989

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Virginia Giles County to wit

On this 30 day of May 1826 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Giles which proceeds according to the Course of the Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings David Hall a resident of the County of Giles aforesaid aged upward of Seventy two years who being firsts duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820 that he the said David Hall enlisted on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1779 for the term of eighteen months in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia under Captain Epps in the Company commanded by the said Captain Epps [perhaps William Eppes] and was marched from the County of Bedford and State of Virginia to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Buford [Abraham Buford] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment and that the said Regiment to which he belonged was attached to the brigade of General Gates [Horatio Gates] and that he continued to serve in said Corps eighteen months the full term of his enlistment when he was discharged at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina which discharge he has lost.

And that his occupation was a farmer while he was able to labor and that he has an aged wife to support & he has one son that lives with him named James about 35 years of age which Son has a family of his own to support.

And that he has some small grandchildren to support they being the children of an unfortunate dissipated son who is unable to support them and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that his name is not on the roll of any State except the present application and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit

although he was in indigent circumstances and being in possession of a little property either real or personal and he conceives would have been entitled to a pension under the act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 if he had made application for the same at that time (yet he was not willing to become burdensome to his Country while he was able to support himself by his Labor as a farmer which was his occupation while he was able to labor and that it is now with reluctance that he has thus called on his Country for support

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with

intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

A Schedule of the property of David Hall as follows to wit

about 22 acres of Land worth about \$60 one horse beast worth about \$30, six head of cattle worth about \$26, two sows and pigs worth about \$5 one water pail & piggin 2 pots & 1 oven 1 pewter dish basin & 6 plates & 6 iron spoons &c worth in all \$10, and he the said Daniel Hall further states on oath that no material change have taken place in his personal property from the 18th day of March 1818 until the present unless one horse beast dead the other property somewhat the same

and that he has Sold and conveyed to Henley Chapman 114 acres of poor broken high land for the sum of \$100 which sum the said Chapman has paid me and which money has been used for the necessary support of myself & Family.

Sworn & subscribed to in open court the 30th day of May 1826.

I David French Clerk of Giles County do Certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said David Hall did Serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding Declaration against the Common Enemy for the term of Eighteen months under one engagement on the Continental establishment. I also Certify that the foregoing oath and the Schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court and I do further certify that in the Opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is one hundred thirty-one dollars. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1826.

S/ David French, CGC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 6, 1826 for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: This file contains several documents dealing with the debts of James Hall, son of David Hall, owed to the firm of Johnston & Chapman; and to transactions between David Hall and Henley Chapman.]